Leakage of fuel from 'Black Rose' ship at Paradeep Port

1365. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fuel of the 'Black Rose' vessel at Paradeep Port has started leaking;

(b) if so, the extent to which it has spread in the sea so far;

(c) the steps taken to prevent leakage and remove the debris from sea bed; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the turtles from oil spill?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) A negligible quantity of oil leaked from the Engine room of the sunken vessel 'Black Rose', which was immediately removed by using a Pollution Control vessel, equipment and manpower of Paradip Port Trust. There was no spread of oil further in the sea.

(c) The Holes and Vents of the vessel were initially blocked and subsequently the entire fuel oil available in the sunken ship has been retrieved by an agency engaged for this purpose.

(d) There was no harm caused to any marine species including turtles.

Office of MMD at Chennai

1366. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an office of Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) in Chennai to help, regulate and assist the maritime sector;

(b) the details of the duties and authority of such MMD offices;

(c) whether Government has any plan to strengthen the Chennai Office of MMD to encourage the maritime sector;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government expects the maritime sector to grow rapidly in India; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to decentralise and strengthen office of Directorate General of Shipping in Tamil Nadu and Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the main duties and authority of such MMD offices are as under:-

(1) Registration of sea-going vessels as laid down in Part-V of the Merchant Shipping Act and the rules made thereunder.

(2) Conduct examinations under Part VI of the Merchant Shipping Act and the rules made thereunder.

(3) Survey of Passenger ships as laid down in Part VIII of the M.S. Act and the rules made thereunder.

(4) Ensuring safety of the ship as per the procedure laid down in Part IX of the M.S. Act and the rules made thereunder.

(5) Conduct investigations and inquiries into shipping casualties on Indian Ships in any part of the world and foreign vessels in India, as a substantially interested state, under Part XII of the M.S. Act.

(6) Implementation of IMO and ILO conventions, recommendations, obligations as adopted by the Govt. of India from time to time.

(7) Conduct Port State Control and Flag State Implementation inspection.

(8) Conduct audits under the ISM Code and ISPS Code.

(c) The Government have initiated measures to modernize and streamline the working of all the MMDs including Chennai for better development of maritime sector. Additional staff has been sanctioned and new MMDs have been set up. Following the delegation of the statutory functions of survey to Indian Register of Shipping, the MMDs have more time to attend to other statutory functions. E-governance modules have also been rolled out to streamline various functions discharged by MMDs.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No fresh steps are under consideration to decentralize and strengthen the office of Directorate General of Shipping in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2008-09) of Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur and related papers

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur, for the year 2008-09, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

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I. Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping

II. Report of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., Mumbai and related papers

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): Sir, I lay on the Table

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping, under sub-section (4) of Section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:

(1) G.S.R. 767 (E), dated the 20th October, 2009, publishing the Kandla Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2009.